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THE FOLLOWING Q AND A HAS BEEN APPROVED AS CONTINGENCY
PRESS GUIDANCE ON ISSUE OF SUSPENSION OF PUBLICATION OF
CANADIAN EDITION OF "TIME":

QUESTION: WHAT IS USG DOING ABOUT THE CANADIAN TAX LEGIS-
LATION WHICH IS CLOSING DOWN "TIME'S" CANADIAN EDITION?

ANSWER: THE LEGISLATION ITSELF, WHICH HAS JUST PASSED
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BUT STILL MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE
CANADIAN SENATE, IS AN INTERNAL TAX MEASURE WHICH DOES
NOT CONTRAVENE ANY INTERNATIONAL LAW OR COMMITMENT AND
SO PROVIDES NO BASIS FOR USG COMPLAINT. HOWEVER, "TIME"
HAS COMPLAINED THAT IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACT, THE CANADIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DEALT FAIRLY WITH IT, BUT HAS FOLLOWED
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A COURSE INTENDED TO FORCE ITS CANADIAN EDITION OUT OF
BUSINESS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. WE CONVEYED "TIME'S"
VIEW TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. INGERSOLL

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